

Wurster, already a well-known Bay Area architecture firm.

Nancy married Donn in 1942, after he joined the Navy as a Lieutenant. Through her husband Donn, Nancy met my parents Fred and Janet Farr. She was present at my birth at the Children's Hospital in San Francisco on July 4, 1941. The Emmons and Farr families have been close ever since.

After the war years, the family settled in Mill Valley, California, and had three children, Zette (b. 1946), Janet (Luli, b. 1949), named after my mom Janet Farr, and Andrew Pierson Emmons (b. 1953). My mother Janet named her second daughter after her friend Nancy.

Though the Emmons separated in 1955 and were later divorced, Nancy maintained a close friendship with the Farr family.

Nancy outlived Janet, Fred and Donn and saw me, young "Sammy", get elected to Congress in 1993.

In her professional life, Nancy became very active in the local artistic community of Mill Valley, California, and was a member of the Ann O'Hanlon's "Sight and Insight" gallery. She made large sculptural collages using found objects and natural materials, which were abundant in her large garden. She also maintained a large circle of friends in the greater Bay Area, especially in San Francisco. She has outlived all of her own generation of friends, and has a special place in the lives of the children and grandchildren of that artistic and architectural community that sprang up in the Bay Area after World War II.

Mr. Speaker, I know the whole House joins me in wishing Nancy a happy, healthy and joyful year as she celebrates her 100th birthday!

HONORING LANCE CORPORAL
SCOTT SMOLIK

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome home an exemplary young Marine from Illinois' 3rd District, Lance Corporal (LCpl) Scott Smolik. Having recently returned safely from his first tour in Afghanistan, it is a privilege to recognize LCpl Smolik's commitment to serving our nation.

LCpl Smolik was originally stationed with the 1st Battalion/7th Marines at Twentynine Palms Base in California. During Operation Enduring Freedom, LCpl Smolik served with the 1/7 in Southern Afghanistan, contributing to counter-insurgency efforts and support for local Afghan National Security Forces operations. While stationed in the volatile Helmand Province in the cities of Sangin and Musa Qala, his duties switched from mortarman to machine gunner atop Armored Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles, a role requiring particular fortitude and bravery.

LCpl Smolik will be welcomed by his mother, Sharon, and his younger sister and brother, Katie and Jimmy. They will be celebrating his safe arrival this Saturday, December 15, at St. Linus Catholic Church in Oak Lawn, IL.

I am proud to honor, commend, and thank LCpl Smolik for his service, and wish him the best in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF DR. CHARLES B. REED AFTER 14 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with other members of the California Delegation; Rep. LYNN WOOLSEY, Rep. KEN CALVERT, Rep. SUSAN DAVIS, Rep. HOWARD MCKEON, Rep. ZOE LOFGREN, Rep. JERRY LEWIS, Rep. NANCY PELOSI, Rep. MIKE HONDA, Rep. JERRY MCNERNEY, Rep. ANNA ESHOO, Rep. KAREN BASS, Rep. JUDY CHU, Rep. GRACE NAPOLITANO, Rep. PETE STARK, Rep. JOHN GARAMENDI, Rep. BRAD SHERMAN, Rep. MIKE THOMPSON, Rep. BARBARA LEE, Rep. LINDA SANCHEZ, Rep. LOIS CAPPS, Rep. JIM COSTA, Rep. MAXINE WATERS, Rep. JANICE HAHN, Rep. HENRY WAXMAN, Rep. HOWARD BERMAN, Rep. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, Rep. ADAM SCHIFF, Rep. LORETTA SANCHEZ, Rep. XAVIER BECERRA, Rep. DORIS MATSUI, Rep. LAURA RICHARDSON, Rep. JOE BACA, Rep. JACKIE SPEIER, Rep. SAM FARR to thank Chancellor Charles B. Reed for his service to the California State University (CSU) system, California, and the country. Dr. Reed has served as the head of the California State University system for the past 14 years, and will be stepping down in the coming weeks. During his tenure, Dr. Reed demonstrated an unwavering commitment to serving the needs of all students and significantly improving access to underrepresented students.

Including his 13 years as the chancellor of the Florida State University system, Chancellor Reed spent more than a quarter-century as the leader of the country's largest higher educational systems. He earned national and international recognition as an innovator, problem-solver and strategic thinker and as one of the country's premier experts on P-16 collaboration, institutional aid, and outreach to underserved students. More than 1.5 million students have earned degrees that bear his signature.

During his time at CSU, Dr. Reed championed a number of efforts to promote access to postsecondary education for all qualified students, regardless of family background. Chancellor Reed reached beyond the walls of CSU to ensure that disadvantaged and first generation students and their families were prepared for, and had the tools to succeed in, postsecondary education. To do so, he created the "How to Get to College" poster—printed in eight different languages which describes the steps that middle and high school students and their families need to take to prepare and apply for college and financial aid. Additionally, Dr. Reed was the driving force behind efforts to enroll minority students in postsecondary education. Every February, CSU leaders visit more than 100 African-American churches in California, and the CSU system partners with the Parent Institute for Quality Education to help Latino families prepare for college success. Today, 52 percent of students at CSU are minority. CSU, under the Chancellor's direction, has become a leader in helping veterans, service members, and their families by working with California's military

base commanders and taking significant steps to make its campuses veteran friendly.

Chancellor Reed is a champion for a number of higher education issues critical not only to CSU and California, but to the country as a whole. As Chancellor, he fought for increases to the Pell Grant program, and fought to prevent eligibility changes that could have reduced aid to the neediest students. Today, CSU graduates over 35,000 Pell recipients each year. Further, Dr. Reed was a leader in designing and implementing the Voluntary System of Accountability, a program created by public colleges and universities to provide families with accessible, transparent, and comparable information about institutions of higher education. The Chancellor has also been supportive in sparking innovative approaches to teacher preparation, including using evaluation for continuous program improvement. And, Dr. Reed was a driving force behind a new California law that established a transfer Associate of Arts degree, and simplifying the process for community college students to transfer to CSU.

We again thank Dr. Reed for his service. He is an ardent supporter of CSU and a champion for affordable, high quality higher education in California and throughout the country. We hope Dr. Reed will continue to advise and engage policymakers on these issues, especially as Congress prepares for the next reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

MIKE THOMPSON, JERRY MCNERNEY, KAREN BASS, JUDY CHU, FORTNEY PETE STARK, BRAD SHERMAN, LYNN C. WOOLSEY, ANNA G. ESHOO, ZOE LOFGREN, GRACE F. NAPOLITANO, JOHN GARAMENDI, MICHAEL M. HONDA, BARBARA LEE, LOIS CAPPS, MAXINE WATERS, HENRY A. WAXMAN, LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, SUSAN A. DAVIS, LINDA T. SANCHEZ, JIM COSTA, JANICE HAHN, HOWARD L. BERMAN, ADAM B. SCHIFF, LORETTA SANCHEZ, HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON, XAVIER BECERRA, JACKIE SPEIER, LAURA RICHARDSON, SAM FARR, DORIS O. MATSUI, KEN CALVERT, JOE BACA, JERRY LEWIS, NANCY PELOSI.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REVEREND JOHN NEWLAND MAFFITT

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Reverend John Newland Maffitt, who was appointed Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives on December 6, 1941, and sworn in on December 13, 1941.

John Newland Maffitt was born in Dublin, Ireland, on December 28, 1795. His parents belonged to the established church, but Maffitt embraced the Wesleyan doctrines in 1813 and grew determined to become a minister. Upon meeting opposition at home, Maffitt immigrated to the United States in 1819, and in 1822 entered the New England conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He preached in various cities in the eastern United States before establishing "Western Methodist" in Nashville, Tennessee in 1833, in conjunction with Reverend Lewis Garrett. This church was subsequently transformed into the "Christian Advocate," and adopted as the central organ

of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church. Great numbers assembled to listen to his sermons, and many converts joined his congregation. He also served as an agent and professor of elocution and belles-lettres for La Orange College, Alabama from 1836–1837, but resided chiefly in the Atlantic cities.

In 1841, Maffitt was sworn in as Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives, where he continued the tradition established by the Continental Congresses of each day's proceedings opening with a prayer.

After his service to the U.S. House, Maffitt went on to edit a literary and religious monthly, called the "Calvary Token," and authored reflections of his life and religious experiences including, Tears of Contrition, Pulpit Sketches, a volume of poems, an oratorical dictionary, and an autobiography.

Reverend John Newland Maffitt died near Mobile, Alabama, on May 28, 1850. It is noteworthy that his son, also named John Newland Maffitt, would become one of North Carolina's great historical figures, first as a Naval Surveyor, charting much of the Atlantic coastline, and then as a blockade runner for the Confederate Navy. I paid tribute to him in the House of Representatives on May 5, 2010.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend John Newland Maffitt was a man of faith and duty who served the U.S. House of Representatives honorably. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his contribution to our tradition of faith and service.

HONORING CAPTAIN DAN GRIFFIN

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to honor Captain Dan Griffin for his dedicated service in the U.S. Army, and to commemorate his safe return home to his friends and family in Oak Lawn, IL.

Captain Griffin recently completed a tour in Afghanistan with the First Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division. Stationed in the Ghazni province as an Army attorney, Griffin utilized his experiences from working as a State's Attorney at the Cook County Criminal Court-house in Chicago. He provided legal insight on rules of engagement to U.S. Commanders and also advised troops on personal legal issues. In this role, he was pivotal in helping other soldiers to do their jobs effectively.

His homecoming celebration will be held this upcoming Saturday, December 15th, at St. Linus Catholic Church in Oak Lawn, IL, where Captain Griffin has been a parishioner his whole life. He will be welcomed home by his mother and father, Ginny and Jim, brothers, Ed and Jim, and sister, Coleen.

Please join me in recognizing Captain Griffin's service and dedication to our country. His expertise and skill have contributed significantly to our nation's effort in Afghanistan, and I am happy to welcome him home.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FOSTER YOUTH HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES ACT

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join my good friend and colleague, Senator JOHN KERRY (D-MA) in sponsoring the Foster Youth Higher Education Opportunities Act.

This bipartisan proposal is simple and straightforward. The Foster Youth Higher Education Opportunities Act directs the U.S. Department of Education to ensure that foster care youth know about specific programs and benefits for which they are eligible. The bill will also require that the Department highlights specific federal education initiatives for foster youth on their website.

As a Member of the Ways and Means Human Resource Subcommittee, I listened to testimony from countless former foster care youth in our hearings. Witnesses over the years included two of my constituents—Anthony Reeves and Shalita O'Neale; both young people "aged-out" of Georgia's foster care system, and fought hard to beat the odds and become successful adults.

Mr. Speaker, this is a long, hard road. The transition from foster care to adulthood and independence is very difficult, and there are countless obstacles facing them. It breaks your heart to listen to their stories about how hard it is to find housing, health care, education, livable wage jobs, security, and stability.

The Foster Youth Higher Education Opportunities Act is a small bill, but it is an important one. Every Member of Congress knows that education is the key. This basic, common-sense bill helps to tear down just one of those barriers.

I hope all of my colleagues will join me in support of this goodwill effort.

HONORING GEORGIA INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize an organization working hard throughout my home state, Georgia Industries for the Blind. This organization is a part of the AbilityOne Program, a Federal purchasing program that enables more than 50,000 Americans who are blind or severely disabled to work and provide products and services to Federal and commercial customers.

Today in America, roughly seventy percent of blind and visually impaired working-aged adults are not employed. Federal opportunities through the AbilityOne Program have played an important role in bringing people with disabilities into the workforce. For example, Georgia Industries for the Blind—employing over 100 blind individuals throughout the state—has been the door of opportunity for economic independence and professional growth for its associates.

Recently, I visited the GIB operation at Robins AFB, and I was impressed by the opportunities the organization provides their associates to develop personally and professionally. A great example of one of GIB's associates is Stanley Parham. Stanley is both hearing impaired and legally blind. He is a 1996 graduate of Jordan Technical School in Columbus, GA. He has been employed at the Robins Air Force Base site under Georgia Industries for the Blind for two years where he has been recognized as Employee of the Month from Vocational Rehabilitation of Georgia in October 2010. Prior to joining GIB, Stanley worked for ten years at Sign Graphic Printing in Dalton, where as a screen stretcher, he cleaned frames and remade or hung new mesh on the screens. An accomplished artist, Stanley has been honored at the White House for his previous work. In 1993, as a middle school student, his art teacher nominated him for an art contest with President George H. W. Bush. He won the opportunity and produced a chalk drawing of Mrs. Barbara Bush removing her husband's portrait from the wall of the Oval Office. As one of five employees at Robins Air Force Base that sanitizes or cleans pasteboard boxes for reuse in shipping parts/supplies that maintain C-5, C-17, C-130, F-5, F-15 aircraft Stanley exemplifies the skill and professionalism that is common among AbilityOne associates.

This organization focused on his skills and abilities, giving him the chance to serve those who serve our country. It is a place that truly lives up to its mission.

The AbilityOne Program harnesses the purchasing power of the Federal government to buy products and services from participating community-based nonprofit agencies that are dedicated to training and employing individuals with disabilities. It affords Americans with disabilities the opportunity to acquire job skills and training, receives good wages and benefits, and gain greater independence and quality of life. It is for this reason that I stand in support of the work Georgia Industries for the Blind does each day to open doors of opportunity for Americans who are blind.

TRIBUTE TO CHAD BOYER

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to express my gratitude to Chad Boyer who served as my Congressional Fellow this year. I want to thank Chad and commend him, for a job well done. After a year on my staff, he is now a seasoned veteran on the appropriation's process.

Chad served as my point person on the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee and was responsible for all energy related issues in my office. His engineering background and construction management experience provided me with unique technical knowledge of nuclear power and other energy issues.

In the appropriations process, Chad developed well-researched and insightful positions, which properly prioritized the spending on energy projects based on their potential impact. His astute political insights and his willingness